

# JACKSON, TENNESSEE

## THE TRUTH ABOUT JACKSON AND MADISON COUNTY, TENN.

In order to learn just what has been done in Jackson, Tenn., a communication was addressed to one of the most prominent business men of that city, who answered the following questions for the people of Hopkinsville.

Question No. 1.—Please inform us as to the number of factories, business enterprises, etc., which have been established in Jackson since the closing of saloons there?

Answer.—One new railroad has come into the city, five new factories have been established and the street railway has built several miles of additional lines. The city voted \$75,000 bonds to the Birmingham and Northwestern on building its line from Dyersburg, Tenn., to Jackson, of which the business interests of Jackson will perhaps, never realize five cents in return. The street railway of Jackson wanted an extension of the franchise; in other words, they had about twenty years to run, and they wanted a new franchise for thirty years longer, or for fifty years, all told, and they offered to build an extension to the experiment station, and this explains the addition to this line, the city granting them an additional franchise.

There have been quite a few little factories started here, but THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER TO LEAVE, and there have only been a few of the remaining factories that have been able to pay dividends.

Question No. 2.—Have the tax burdens been increased, and have public improvements, such as building sidewalks, etc., been diminished or increased?

Answer.—The taxes have been increased 16 cents on the \$100 valuation. The city has issued about \$150,000 more bonds,

and has lately adopted the Front Foot assessment, which means that all future improvements are to be paid for by the property owners, whereas in the past all this work had been paid for out of the city treasury. Until the saloons were voted out, the city paid a third of the cost of concrete walks, but from now on, the property owners will pay all.

The city has recently built a \$50,000 high school, and ISSUED BONDS FOR DOING SO, which will be an extra burden on the future generation to take care of.

Question No. 3.—Have many residences been built since prohibition went into effect?

Answer.—There have been quite a number of small houses built, but practically no new business houses, we have today, empty store-rooms which we never had before, and the rental of business property has decreased materially. Buildings that formerly rented for \$100 have been rented for \$55 since, and as our tax rate, both CITY AND COUNTY, has been increased, makes the rental income on the investment very small.

Question No. 4.—Is the population diminishing or increasing?

Answer.—We have taken in quite a little more new territory to the city limits and this may account for a slight increase in population.

Question No. 5.—Have new churches been built and how many and cost of same?

Answer.—There have been four very handsome new churches built, but there are big debts still outstanding. The Y. M. C. A. has never been a paying proposition and is always begging for additional funds. "If any one would visit Jackson, or any point where there is prohibition he would realize that prohibition does not prohibit for the reason that bootlegging is done all over the city and THOUSAND OF DOLLARS ARE BEING SENT OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY EVERY MONTH FOR WHISKEY. Beer is being shipped in by the car lots to clubs and others and the city receives not a penny benefit in the way of revenue license. The only difference I see is there are no open saloons as there formerly were.

"I honestly believe if the people had an opportunity to vote on the question of prohibition in Jackson, it would be defeated by from two to three to one, for Jackson is centrally located, and had a drawing power from smaller points, and brought a great deal of transient money; to-day we see none of the transient people coming here, and the merchants ARE NOT DOING THE BUSINESS THEY FORMERLY DID, though you may find, here and there, a few who will say that they prefer Jackson being dry."

The above facts were obtained from a man who formerly was a member of the city council at Jackson and his statements cannot be refuted. The COUNTY and STATE TAX RATES have INCREASED from \$1.29 to \$1.60 since prohibition became effective in Madison county, Tennessee, the county of which Jackson is the county seat. This is an INCREASE of thirty-one cents on the \$100 valuation, which the farmer must bear with the city man.

**WANTED!** One thousand Boys in Christian County for an old established business just about to embark for the first time since 1887, in Christian County. Our grand opening will occur just as soon as the Fanatics can get a Prohibitive Order upon the Records of the Christian County Court. We shall continue to handle the meanest of poisons and will have a representative at every public gathering. By reason of the fact that we pay no business tax and are responsible to nobody, and are lawbreakers made so by a gang of intolerants, we will be able to sell you at a much lower price than heretofore. As we have no wives and families to support and educate and no house rent to pay in Hopkinsville, remember that we can and will sell you the meanest of goods for the least of money. We will make special inducements to boys who are not 21, as our facilities for dealing with young people cannot be surpassed.

The Bootleggers who are coming, When "Old Christian's Going Dry."

### ADVERTISEMENT

### MEN IN MIND IN HOPKINSVILLE

People of Prominence In The Pearl City of The Pennyroyal.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH NO. 54.

Youngest Main Street Merchant, a Former Citizen of Clarksville.

Perhaps the youngest business man in Hopkinsville at the head of a Main Street house is Jesse T. Edwards, of The J. T. Edwards Co. He was born in Clarksville, Tenn., in January, 1891, and is a son of Thomas Edwards, a prominent, and well known tobacco man. A part of his childhood was spent in Hopkinsville, while his father was connected with one of the tobacco firms here. As a boy he learned to love the city and although the family returned to Clarksville the seed had been sown, so far as the



JESSE T. EDWARDS.

future merchant was concerned. As soon as he was out of school, he was back in Hopkinsville as a salesman in one of the big stores and acquired experience that he needed before launching into business for himself. Returning to Clarksville, he formed a company and began planning to start into business here and the result was that with the beginning of the present year he was back in Hopkinsville to stay and opened his pres-

is devoted especially to ready-to-wear and millinery goods for the ladies. No pains has been spared to make it attractive to the fair sex and it supplies a need for an up-to-date store along the lines that Mr. Edwards is directing his energies with such success. He is courteous, attentive and pains-taking in his efforts to please and caters to the class of trade that is satisfied with nothing short of the best. Such a house, conducted along proper lines, is destined to succeed and Mr. Edwards finds himself, before the close of his first year, with a rapidly extending scope of patronage.

### IMPROVEMENTS

Being Made in W. A. Pool & Son's Furniture Store.

Some substantial improvements are being made in the store room occupied by W. A. Pool & Son as a furniture store. The wooden panels in the rear of the front windows have been removed, giving more room and light and the old ceiling has been replaced by a steel ceiling, which has been painted white. The improvements add greatly to the appearance of the room and the conveniences of the occupants.

### Contemptible Methods.

Burkholder Bros., of Crofton, received a threatening letter this week, of which the following is a copy:

Notice,

Burkholder Bros.—As a friend we ask you boys to keep quiet. Women please keep off streets. N. R.

P. S.—In prohibition.

It was accompanied by a thorn and four matches. The Burkholders are strong advocates of prohibition.

### For Sale.

1,000 red cedar posts, 7 feet long; about 2,500 locust posts, cut in 14 foot length. Posts all piled on side of public road, on the Old Dave Wootton farm, near Pee Dee. For further information, write or call on V. T. WORKMAN, Gracey, Ky.

# ON ACCOUNT OF HOLIDAY

We Will Be Closed All Day

# Monday, Sept. 21st

**Frankel's**  
BUSY STORE  
INCORPORATED  
HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

## Business Will Be Resumed As Usual Tuesday Morning September 22

We are showing all the Latest Arrival of Suits, Coats, Dresses, Millinery, Dress Goods, Silk, Clothing and Shoes.